

XV. *An Account of the Case of William Payne, with what appeared upon examining his Kidneys and Bladder, when his Body was opened; by Mr. George Bell, Surgeon.*

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p. 27. Art. X.*

William Payne, aged about 71, had been afflicted with the Stone in his Bladder, and other calculous Complaints, for several Years: He had taken Mrs. Stephens's Medicines for 15 Months. See Hartley's *View, &c.* p. 8. Case III.

He was subject also to a scrotal Rupture on the Left Side, from which however he suffered no great Inconveniency, unless upon Neglect of his Truss, which he had been directed to wear; and even then, if the Intestines came down, he used to return them with Ease.

About the Beginning of January last, he was attacked with a severe Fit of the Stone, attended, upon every Attempt to make Water, with a strong *Tenesmus*, that forced into the *Scrotum* a considerable Quantity of the Intestines, which exceeding his Skill to reduce, he sent for me. I found the Tumour large and unequal, but without much Tension or Inflammation; his Pulse low, with clammy Sweats; he complained of violent Pains in his Back, propagated thro' the whole Length of the *Ureters*, accompanied with Nausea and Vomittings; he felt exquisite Pain about the Neck of his Bladder and *Glans*, with an unusual Weight in *Perineo*; he had frequent Inclinations to make Water, but seldom made above a Spoonful at once, and that Drop by

by Drop, with much Pain, and sudden Stoppings : The Urine was extremely fetid, sometimes mixed with purulent Matter, at others tinged of a Coffee Colour.

He had received, just before I saw him, a Clyster, which produced two Stools, and encouraged me to hope might facilitate the Reduction of his Rupture. I attempted it by all necessary means possible, but without Success: For altho' the largest Part receded and gave way, yet a considerable Portion remained, which I could not possibly return. I therefore concluded, as the Intestines performed their Office, and were free from Tension, Inflammation, &c. that the Parts adhered; so left him, with Directions for a Bag-Truss to support them.

January the 22d, being informed of his Death, I applied for Leave to open him, which was granted. In examining the Contents of the *Abdomen*, I found the Left Kidney quite wasted, scarce any thing remaining except the Coats, and those filled with Blood and purulent Matter; the *Ureter* very much enlarged above its natural Capacity, and full of the same.

The Right Kidney was ulcerated in several Places, and full of purulent Matter, mixed with Grit; several Hydatids appeared upon its external Surface; the *Ureter* was somewhat enlarged.

I next examined the Bladder, which was exceeding large, and contained above three Pints of clear Urine; upon opening it and introducing my Hand, I found two smooth flattish Stones, somewhat larger than common *Windsor Beans*: I discovered a third in the Neck of the Bladder, which probably had been forced there during the Paroxysm, and appeared to me to be

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the immediate Cause of his Death : It was about the Size of a *Filbert*, and had quite corked up the Passage.

Upon dissecting the Hernial Bag, the first Part that presented was a large Piece of Fat, about half a Pound ; and immediately underneath it lay a large Portion of the *Colon*, in Length about 10 Inches ; the internal Surface of the *Peritoneum* was strongly attached to the *Colon* by several Filaments, and to the *Scrotum* by its cellular Substance.

All the other *Viscera* were in a natural State.

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